(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
25.	Tripura	31	6	5	42	3537
26.	Uttar Pradesh	810	10	19	839	64572
27.	Uttaranchal	92	0	4	96	4243
28.	West Bengal	290	16	22	358	56480
29.	A & N Islands	2	2	1	5	527
30.	Chandigarh	0	0	3	3	300
31.	Delhi	3	0	26	29	3842
32.	Dadra & N Haveli	0	1	0	1	125
33.	Daman & Diu	2	0	0	2	87
34.	Lakshadweep	0	1	0	1	74
35.	Pondicherry	3	0	2	5	677
	TOTAL:	4495	783	374	5652	610063

Guidelines of National Commission for SCs and STs in KVS

4740. SHRI GAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not been following the guidelines of National Commission for SCs and STs;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the corrective steps taken/contemplated by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT [DR. (SHRIMATI) RITA VERMA]: (a) National Commission for SCs and STs has been set up under Article 338 of the Constitution of India to investigate and monitor all matters relating to the safeguards provided for the SC/ST under the constitution and other laws and to evaluate the working of such safeguard. While investigating into specific complaints with respect to deprivation of rights and safeguards provided for SCs and STs, the Commission makes recommendations and suggestions for furthering the welfare and development of SCs and STs. The

Commission has informed that it has not issued any guidelines for KVS.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

UN child meet

4741. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news report, "U.N. child meet may expose Indian record" published in the Times of India dated 19th April, 2002;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the reasons for India's dismal performance with regard to nutrition, education and child care; and

(d) the steps proposed to be taken to address the problems relating to child development, highlighted in the report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Government is taking adequate steps to improve the condition of children in the country. Some examples are:

1. Under five mortality rate: pet thousand live births, reduced in 5 years from 109 (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 94.9 (1998-1999) (NFHS II).
2. Infant mortality rate: per thousand live births reduced from 80 (1990) (SRS) to 68 (1998-1999) (NFHS II).
3. Underweight prevalence from 53.4% (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 47% (1998-1999) (NFHS II)
4. Stunting prevalence from 52% (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 45.5% (1998-99) (NFHS II).
5. Wasting prevalence from 17.5% (1992-93) (NFHS I) to 15.5% (1998-99) (NFHS II).